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SUBJECT: HIGH-LEVEL ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION TO EUROPE

REF: ADDIS 4811

1. ACTING HEAD EAST AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AT FCO, NEILSON, HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT BRITISH DO NOT EXPECT HIGH-LEVEL ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION (REFTEL) TO COME TO LONDON. ACCORDING TO INFO AVAILABLE TO BRITISH, DIRG HAS DECIDED TO BEGIN EXPANDING CONTACTS BEYOND AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST AND MISSION ARRANGED IN THAT CONTEXT. NEILSON DID NOT HAVE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON ETHIOPIAN INTENTIONS, BUT SAID THAT WHEN ETHIOPIANS MEET WITH EC OFFICIALS, EUROPEANS PLAN TO MAKE POINT THAT NATIONALIZATION OF FOREIGN ENTERPRISES AND CURRENT ERRATIC COURSE OF DIRG DISCOURAGE FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND MAKE INCREASED AID JUSTIFICATION
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2. LEADING BRITISH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING QUEEN, PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN SECRETARY AND RANKING OFFICIALS AT FCO, ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES, WILL ALL BE OUT OF COUNTRY FROM APRIL 27 - MAY 8-9 TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING AT KINGSTON AND FOR OTHER VISITS ON WAY HOME.

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